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KIDNAPPERS' DEN FOUND.

YOUNG CUDARY'S DESCRIPTION PITS INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE.

Thought Pat Crowe Was Leader of the Gang Had Once Outlined a Scheme of Abduction Similar to the Case in Hand-No Law in Nebraska to Punish the Kidnappers.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 21.-The house in which Eddie Cudahy says he was held prisoner was found this afternoon. It is 3604 Grove street. The police believe that Pat Crowe, formerly of Omaha but now of Chicago, was chief of the kidnappers. He is a desperate character and has a long line of daring criminal acts to his credit.

house at 3604 Grove street is about four miles southwest of the city proper It is isolated and upon a promontory commanding a view of the country for miles

It is two stories high and has the rickety stairway and other features described by On the second floor was found a new bucket containing water from which the millionaire's son says he quenched his About the rooms were found hundreds of cigar stubs and burnt matches and small quantity of sugar and coffee. While making observations in the house two local reporters were surrounded by Chief of Police Donahoe, Capt. Hayes, Councilman Burkley, Edward Cudahy, Sr., and his son Eddie. One of the reporters, lighted lamp in hand, was surveying the basement when he discovered Chief Donahoe reaching for his revolver. The reporter ducked his head and retreated behind a partition. The other reporter left the house by a rear door, where too, was brought to bay by Capt. Hayes and Councilman Frank Burkley, who thought he was one of the kidnappers.

Eddie Cudahy pointed out the spot in the north room where he says he lay from the me he was taken to the house on Tuesday evening until removed Wednesday night. He also indicated the broken stairstep which he had referred to as the place where he slipped in going upstairs to his imprisonment. He said he had reclined on the floor from the time he entered the house until removed. He said he was only about an hour, perhaps, going from the point where he was abducted to the house, and about the same time in turning to Thirty-sixth and Marcy streets, the place where he was released.

Miss Maud Munshaw, who lives with her parents at 3404 Grover street, saw one of the occupants of the house about ten days ago, when he came to her home and asked if she knew whether the house on the hill was rented. She told him she did not know. The next day he returned and told her that he had rented the house from Schnelderwind, the owner. He said that another man had rented it and paid \$1 down, but had not taken it. This man Miss Munshaw describes as being about 45 years of age, with black hair and mustache sprinkled with gray. On Tuesday evening just after dark a light spring wagon drove up to the house and two or three men got out. Miss Munshaw says. On Wednesday morning a pony was hitched out in front of the house, but the spring wagon and the horse which had been attached to it were

A heavy-set blonde young man was seen to come out of the house and to go to the well with a bucket to which was attached a long rope, and he drew some water. When the house was first taken by the men there were no curtains in any window, but on Wednesday morning the window of the north room, where young Cudahy says he was held a prisoner, was shaded from top to bottom. Mr. Cudahy looked over the room which had been described by his son and said: This is undoubtedly the place. I am fully

Miss Liddle Munshaw, a pupil of the Wind-of School, says that while passing the house her way to school on Wednesday morn-g she saw two rigs hitched nearby. One the saw two rigs hitched nearby. One was a single-seated buggy and the other a ladit spring wagon. She says she also saw a bay pony hitched to the south of the house. There is no law against kidnapping in this state unless it is with the intention of carrying the victim outside of the St te. Section is of the trimmal code reads as follows: "Any person or persons who shall kidnap or forcibly or fraudently carry off or decoy shall arrest or imprison any person or persons or shall arrest or imprison any person or persons or ball arrest or imprison any person or persons of persons carried out of the State, unless the in pursuance of the laws thereof, shall be confined in the pententiary not less than here nor more than seven years, and shall, noreover, be hable for the costs of prosecu-

another penitentiary offence defined by the Nebraska criminal code is that of "child stealing," but this section, too, seems to have no application to the present case because it rolers only to stealing children under 10 years of age, while young Cudaby is 1). The wording of this section of the gode is:

tyery person who shall maliciously or civilly, or traudulently lead, take, or carry way, or decoy or entice away, any child nder the are of 10 years with Intent unto detain or conceal such child from is parent or parents, or guardian, or other erson having the lawful charge of such faild, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than seven years nor less than one

not more than seven years nor less than one pear. The suggestion has been made that the alleged kidnappers might be held on the charge of levving blackmall, inasmuch as they used their possession of young Cudahy as a means of extorting money from his father, but nothing in the Nebraska statutes covers this phase of it. The crime of extortion, as defined in the law, can be committed only by public officers, while it would be difficult to make a complaint stick for obtaining money under false pretences, but, on the contrary, performed every part of the promises they held out.

So far as can be ascertsined by the police in the examination of the law the only charge which can be successfully brought in this case is that of false imprisonment, which is not a crime but merely a mis-temeanor, subject to fine and juil sentence only. The statute on false imprisonment reads: False im risonment is the unlawful violation of the personal liberty of another and consists in confinement credetention without sufficient legal authority. Any person convicted of false imprisonment not exceeding one year in the county jail."

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the county jail."
All the police officers are looking for Pat All the police officers are looking for Pat Crowe. The morning after the alleged abduction a reputable citizen, who had known Crowe when he lived in Omaha, called upon the authorities and told them and Mr. Cudahy that two or three years ago Crowe had told him that if he ever again did any crooked work he would quit the line he had been following and resort to kidnapping. Crowe had gone on to explain that it was an easy way of making money for a man of his build and nerve. When asked how he would do it Crowe outlined how a child of a wealthy family could be abducted and a reward obtained. He had suggested that he could tell the father that close to a Missouri Pacific Railway crossing near Omaha he would find a red light, and that he was to put the ransom money by the light and go on to the next station and then come back and get his child safe and well.

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If he failed to put the money where directed he would, on his return, find his child dead. The remarkable thing about this information was that the man who gave it did not know the contents of the letter sent to Mr. Cudahy demanding a ransom. The outline was so like the scheme contained in the letter itself that they concluded that when they had recovered the lad they would set out on a hunt for Crowe. A man formerly connected with the police force says he learns that Pat Crowe was in South Omaha on Saturday night and had been there two weeks before.

The Schneiderwind family, who own the cid house in which young Cudahy says he

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was found, live three blocks from the piace and they have been in the habit of renting it to any one who would take it. On the afternoon of Dec. 2a light, single-horse buggy was driven up to the residence of the Schnelderwinds by a man. By his side sat a very well dressed woman. The man said he wanted to rent the old house on the hill. He did not want any repairs made. He told Mrs. Schneiderwind that his name was at the stock yards.

A bargain was struck and the man asked the woman if she had any money. She gave him a silver dollar and he told Mrs. Schneiderwind that he would pay that sum down on the house and return later to pay the balance of the rent. \$8. Then he drove away. If they had inspected-the old house, Mrs. Schneiderwind did not know of it. The man did not say so and she did not think to ask him. On Dec. 6 the man again appeared and with the same box buggy and sorrel horse and paid the balance of the money. He got an old well bucket that belonged to the place and drove away.

DEVERY WAS ALL WRONG.

WHALEN SAYS THAT HEHAD NO RIGHT TO TRANSFER THE DEPUTIES.

The Police Board Acts on the Corporation Counsel's Opinion—McLaughlin and Clayton. Sent Back to Their Old Posts—As to the Chief's Retirement, York Says "Sumcient Unto the Day is the Evil Thereof."

Corporation Counsel Whalen sent a letter to the Police Board yesterday giving it as his opinion that Chief Dovery had exceeded his authority in transferring Deputy Chiefs McLaughlin and Clayton, and that, according to the Charter, no one has the right to either assign or transfer deputy chiefs but the Board

well bucket that belonged to the place and drove away.

DENYER, Dec. 21.—Pat Crowe's Denyer record extends back to Feb 5, 1893, when he entered the jewelry store of L. H. Chapin, 156 Court place, and snatched \$600 worth of diamonds. He was captured and released on \$2.500 bail. He imped his bond and was not heard of until his arrest for robbery in lowa the following October. He escaped jail there before the Denver officer arrived to bring fim back for trial. In November, 1894, the Denver detective was despatched to bring Crowe from Milwaukee, but the Missouri authorities had first call on him for robbing the Burlington train, so Crowe first served his three years in Missouri.

Upon his release he was brought to Denver to stand trial for the Chapin robbery, but his brother, who lives in Chicago, squared the loss with Chapin and the charge was withdrawn, Crowe was suspected of the murder of Detective A. J. Moore, Denver, in a night battle with burglars, but it was never proved that he was in Denver at the time, although he has been commonly referred to as the murderer of Moore.

### WILL SEE MR. PLATT TO-DAY. Senator Here to Talk About Gen. Greene's

Successor. Senator Platt came over from Washington last evening and met a number of friends at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. This afternoon at 3 o'clock the Republican leader of the State, which includes the borough of Manhattan, is to discuss at the hotel a candidate to succeed Gen. Francis Vinton Greene as President of the New York County Committee gone over. The gentlemen who are to discuss these matters will be Senator Platt, Governor-elect Odell, Chairman Dunn of the Republican State Committee and S. Frederick Nixon, who is again to be Speaker of the

Assembly. Nothing is to be done at this conference conerning the make-up of the SenateCommittees. That matter will be deferred until next week for the reason that Senator Platt is not to return to Washington before the first week in

While the Senate committees are not to be While the Senate committees are not to be discussed at this gathering one or two subjects affecting the Senate are to be inquired into. One is as to a candidate for Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate to succeed Harry Jacquillard of Brooklyn. One of the notable candidates to succeed Mr. Jacquillard is Garrett J. Benson of Albany.

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It was learned that the Albany county organization does not desire to recommend the appointment of Mr. Benson, but, on the country fellsworth down, desire the alpointment of Mr. Benson, sensor Platt, Mr. Odell and Mr. Dunn, it was ascertained, are favorable to the appointment of Mr. Benson and so, also, it was announced, is Lieut-Gov. Woodpart of the Republican organization has no candidate to present.

A good deal will depend a recommend of Mr. Benson as selection 1902, he said, is in form a general and complete system, having no exception save that specified in a later portuon as the tothe appointment of Mr. Benson and so, also, it was announced, is Lieut-Gov. Woodpart of the Kings county Republican organization has no candidate to present.

A good deal will also provided the chief of good that the case be adjourned to friely is said that sections 292 and 320 of the Chief of Police to assign to the tothe appointment of Mr. Benson as selection upon the Hon. William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee. It should not be forgotien that I leut-Gov. There shall be one headquarters or central station established and located by said Police Board in each borough into which the spointed. Several years age Mr. Benson assent series and the second of the Senate and his work in both of these responsible places has been pronounced of the Senate and his work in both of these responsible places has been pronounced for those years.

SMALLPOX IN INSANE ASYLUM.

nment not exceeding one year in have been quarantined at their homes. cases are only chickenpox, but he admits that other physicians have diagnosed them as smallpox. In order to take no chances he sent Dr. Stinson out to-day to vaccinate he sent Dr. Stinson out to-day to vaccinate seventeen persons who had come in contact with the suspects. The health officer is in communication with the manager of the Williams and Walker theatrical combination which showed here recently. A member of the company boarded at the Griffin House at 20 Lawrence street where three of the suspected patients now are. It is reported that the actor was arrested up in New York State as a smallpox patient. as a smallpox patient.

Fenny Collector Plugged the Stot Machine. Franklin Roberge, Jr., of 1831 Third ave-

tue, was sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment yesterday in the Special Sessions for petit larceny. Roberge was an employee of the Automatic Vending Company, which controls the penny - in - the - slot machines about town. Complaints had been received by the company from several persons who had dropped their pennies in without getting had dropped their pennies in without getting any return. The company suspected Roberge, and by means of fifty marked pennies dropped in a machine at the elevated station at Third avenue and 106th street caught him. He was 50 cents short in his returns from that machine and in the change he handed in to the company were some of the marked coins. The company asserts that Roberge plugged the machines so that they would receive money, but not deliver the goods.

Deerfoot Farm Sausages. With increasing knowledge of the danger to health through carelessly prepared food, consumers grow more and more fastidious in their selection. "Deer-foot" means purity, dainthous and cleanliness. Adv.

to the Charter, no one has the right to either assign or transfer deputy chiefs but the Board of Police Commissioners. The opinion was just as every one conversant with sections 202 and 320, the ones quoted by President York, when he asked Mr. Whalen for an opinion, expected it would be, and after it had been received the board lost no time getting together and ordering Acting Chief Cortright to notify Deputy Chiefs McLaughlin and Clayton to go back to the posts occupled by them before they received notice of their transfers on Saturday last. Cortright notified the men by telephone and told them to send men over at once to get written orders. McLaughlin got this message in Queens and Clayton got it in Brooklyn; nevertheless, it was less than fifteen minutes after it was sent that plain-clothes men showed up and asked for the written orders. The latter were that the deputy chiefs would proceed to their old posts at once, and both started without delay.

The decision of Corporation Counsel Whalen and the prompt action of the Police Board on it were regarded about Police Headquarters as a great victory for President York and Hugh McLaughlin. What Chief Devery thought about it could not be learned yesterday, for although he was at headquarters for a short time during the day, it was before the decision had been made public. When seen later on he declined to make any state-The Assembly committees are also to be ment about the matter, excusing himself on the ground that he was on his vacation and did not care to discuss police matters. A great deal of interest has been displayed

over the question of the Chief's right to transfer deputy chiefs, and when Mr. Whalen made public his decision yesterday it was read eagerly by politicians all over town. In giving the opinion out Mr. Whalen said that the allegation that he delayed the opinion until he heard from Mr. Croker was absolutely

Some people seem to think, he said, that opinions could be reached in half an hour and that all there is to do is to put them on paper and make them public. It required careful study of the Charter to come to a definite conclusion on the questions submitted to him by Mr. York. Mr. Whalen said that sections 292 and 320 of the Charter

cheen personsible places has been pronounced excellent by the members of the Legislatures of those years.

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Case Discovered on Ward's Island—Board of Education's Treasure Strickea.

A case of smallpox was reported yesterday from the Manhattan State Hospital on Morf. State of State of

were made respectively by resolution of the Police Board, adopted March 9 and July 26, 1960."

President York and Commissioners fless and Sexton voted age to this resolution, without comment, but when it came the turn of Commissioner Abell, he said:

"In obedience to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, as our lawyer, whether I have any different opinion or not—age."

Commissioner Abell, who is known throughout the department as the friend and stanch supporter of Chief Devery, said nothing more in the board meeting about Devery or the decision of the Corporation Counsel, but when seen afterward in his office he practically admitted that in his opinion the Chief was within his powers when he transferred Deputy Chiefs McLaughlin and Clayton. He made it perfectly plain that he did not agree with the Corporation Counsel's views of the powers of the Chief under the sections of the Charter mentioned.

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"The Corporation Counsel is our lawyer," he said, "and his decision is the one we must be guided by. I waive my opinion in favor of that of the Corporation Counsel. I was a member of the Legislature which passed the Charter, I was a member of the committee that considered it, and I sat in joint session with the commission that drew it. I can only say that our idea was to make as harmonious a system as possible for the running of the police force. If I have an opinion in this matter it is my own, and there is no use in saving anything about it because the Corporation Counsel has decided the points asked for."

Mr. Abell was asked if he favored an action in court to establish the right of the Chief to make the transfers. He declined to give any

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direct answer to this question, but illustrated by one or two stories his aversion to any thing like more trouble between the hat the chief we had not of some courage to buck the gaglast the Brooklyn organization the way he had.

"Oh, he's got nerve all right," said Commissioner Sexton would not make any statement other than that the decision of the Corporation Counts of the Corp

THE DELAY IN POLICE PROMOTIONS. Sergeants Who Want to Be Captains Must Wait Till After Christmas.

As predicted in THE SEN several days ago, he Police Board will not get the eligible list from the Civil Service Board, for a week at least and maybe not at all this year. The complaints of sergeants that they have been underrated on their records by the Police Board, after passing perfect mental exami-Board, after passing periest mental exami-ations before the Civil Service Board, prom-ised to keep the list held up for some time. President York wanted to make at least a few of the promotions at vesterday's meeting of the Board, but the eligible list did not appear, and to-day Mr. York will get a note from the civil Service people teiling him that the list will not be ready until after Christmas.

#### CAPT. HERLIHY'S CASE ADJOURNED. Mr. Olcott Will Not Need Edward M. Shepard's Assistance in the Prosecution.

The trial of Police Captain Herlihy, formerly of the Eldridge street station, but now in ommand of the steamboat squad, on the charges of inefficiency and misconduct, which were outlined in THE SUN several days ago, was called at Police Headquarters at

# The Professor Kindly Showed His Client How | tion of the war.

calling himself Prof. Litten of New York came here last week. Tuesday, and opened an office at the home of Mrs. Stephen Stants on West Second street. He advertised extensively and soon did a good business, chiefly with women.

One of his patrons was Mrs. W. H. B. Drake of 438 Orchard place, who called last Friday for a consultation on family matters. The she had money in the bank and he induced her to draw out \$500. The following day she called on the professor and showed him the money.

He suggested that she place it in an envelope, explaining that she might lose it. He assisted her in folding the money in a large envelope, at the same time illustrating the overall sorted with another envelope. Sunday morning when Mrs. Drake opened her envelope she found several scraps of paper in it. She went to the chirvoyant's office for an explanation, but he had gone. Chief of Police Kiely has since been trying to find him. Several other woman and a few men are reported to have lost emailer sums through the professor's manupulations.

He suggested that she place it in an envalope, explaining that she might lose it. The general situation is not wholly satisfactory. There is great military activity in an effort to repress the larger Boer commandees. After this has been done the guerrillas will be run down.

Cape Town, Dec. 21.—It is reported that Boers or rebels have destroyed the railway north of De Aar. In the fighting that followed, with a British force, the marauders were defeated. professor learned from Mrs. Drake that

## AMERICAN FLAG IN CUBA.

Gen. Lee Telle St. Louis Andlence "Privately" It is Going to Remain There.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 21.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee assemblage of citizens on the Spanish-American War and the Stuation in the Philippines. In the course of his remarks Gen Lee said:

"The "ag: ill waves over Santiago, Havana and Cardenas." Then, leaning forward with hand outstretched, he said, "and I tell you privately the flag in Cuba is going to remain there."

overtures. It declares that the condition of the Colony demands remorseless firmness on the part of the constituted authority.

CAPB Town, Dec. 21.—Martial law will seen be proclaimed in the Worcester, Wellington and Stellenbosch districts.

of the war in the Philippines he said:

"The flag in the Philippines should not be pulled down while under fire. Were I a member of Congress I would yote to increase the standing army to 100,000 or even 200,000 men were it necessary. There need be no fear of imperialism, for the people have it in their power to crush that danger should it ever menace the Republic, by instructing their representatives in Congress to vole against granting appropriations for the

### AUTOMOBILE BUMPS FIRE ALARM FOX. The Jar Rings the Bell and Truck and Engine

Respond - The Automobile Wrecked. Henry Neimann, a fur dealer at 105 Broadway, hired an automobile at the Buckingham Hotel yesterday afternoon to take him and his wife to their home at 1510 Fulton avenue, The automobile was in charge of George Bluett of 336 East Sixty-ninth street. Every-Binett of 336 East Sixty-ninth Street. Every-thing went smoothly until Bluett steered the machine through 167th street toward Franklin avenue. Suddenly the auto began to describe circles. Then it ran into a lamp-post and Bluett went flying from the seat and his scalp was opened by hitting a stone. The windows of the automobile were shat-tered and Mr. and Mrs. Neimann were cut The lamp post had a fire alarm box and the collision sounded an alarm. The arrival of an engine and truck greatly surprised Mr. and Mrs. Neimann. They walked home.

### George Campbell & Co. of Philadelphia Go Down - Work for the Army Condemned.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.-Announcement was made to-day of the fallure of the firm of George Campbell & Co., one of the largest of George Campbell & Co., one of the largest manufacturers of woollen goods in the country The liabilities are estimated at \$1,200,000. It is said that the announcement by Gen. Ludington of the Quartermasters' Department, Washington, that he would readvertise for bids for a large quantity of blankets for which the Campbell firm was thought to have secured the contract is the direct cause of the failure. Mr. Campbell's credit being seriously injured by the statement that his blankets had been condemned because shoddy had been found in them. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

A Word to the Wise is sufficient when speaking of the merits of the Pennaylvania Limited. -Ade.

taken leniency and of the importation of Boer prisoners into the colony. They declare that the Dutch are maddened by the infamous concections relative to alleged British barbarities.

It is stated that Commandant Kretzinger commands the Boers who crossed the Rhenoster. These passed close to Knapdaar, but did no damage to the telegraphs, railroad or private property. When, however, they subsequently captured the twenty British soldiers garrisoning Venterstad, who resisted for three hours, when their ammunition was exhausted, they commandeered all the available clothing and provisions in the town. Their horses are said to be in prime condition. Most of the party had pack horses, too. The party which cut the railway north of De Aar were repulsed by the yeomanry and

went westward. RE-ENFORCEMENTS FOR KITCHENER.

### Government Will Send More Troops at Once to South Africa.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, Dec. 21.- The War Office announces that in view of the situation in South Africa it has decided to reenforce Gen. Kitchener as follows: Eight nundred mounted infantry will start next week and two regiments of cavalry as soon as transports are ready. Detachments of mounted men for 10,000 colonial police, who are being enrolled in Great Britain, will start as fast as they are formed. Further cavalry drafts will be despatched immediately. The Government has invited Australia and New Zealand to send more mounted troops. An extra 5,000 horses in addition to the usual monthly supply has been arranged for. The War Office also gives notice that special compensation will be given to the yeomanry and militia volunteers whose year of service has been exceeded owing to the prolonga-

#### BOERS NEAR JOHANNESBURG. "Sniping" by Them Active Again-Larger Commandoes Must Be Attended to First.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at Pretoria.
PRETORIA, Dec. 20. 8:50 P. M.—It is reported that several bodies of Boers have been hovering around Johannesburg. Opperman's commando has made several halfhearted attempts to catch the outposts

The Times says it believes that the forces at the disposal of the military authorities are sufficient to enable them to deal in the most complete manner with the renewed violation of colonial soil by the Boers. It hails the extension of martial law with the live arrived in the city this morning and to him | liest satisfaction, believing that the Boers was given an informal reception at the Mor- | invaded the Cape Colony in response to rebel chants' Exbange, where he addressed a large overtures. It declares that the condition

#### 9.500 BOERS ROUTED. Gen. French Attacks Them Sixteen Miles From Krugersdorp.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

rom THE SUN'S Correspondent at Johannesburg. JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 21 .- Gen. French, on Wednesday last, attacked a Boer force numbering 2,500, with five guns. They defeated the British at Nooltgedacht a few days ago. The engagement took place sixteen miles northwest of Krugersdorp. More than forty of the Boers were killed and the remainder were routed. The British lost fourteen wounded.

#### BOLDEST EXPLOIT OF THE WAR. How De Wet, Steyn and Fourier Broke Through the British Cordon. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

LONDON, Dec. 21.-Detailed accounts which re now arriving as to how Gen. De Wet broke through the British cordon on Dec. 12 show that it was, perhaps, the boldest exploit during the war in South Africa. The Boer force, numbering about 2,500, galloped through Springhaa Nek, a flat, inbroken piece of country about four miles wide, the entrance to which was guarded by two fortified posts.

Ex-President Steyn of the Orange Free State and Commandant Fourie led the way. while De Wet commanded the rear guard.

### Boers Running Short of Ammunition

London, Dec. 21 .- Gen. Trotter, nanding the troops in the London district. in a speech at Twickenham to-day said he had obtained information by which he knew that the Boers were running short of ammunition, and that they could not maintain their guerrilla warfare long.

Morning, Noon and Night trains leave Grand Central Station, New York, by the New York Central for Chicago, St. Louis and Cia-cinnati. Luxurious trains, smooth tracks.—2466.

GAMBLERS TOLD TO QUIT. Report That Word Has Been Passed Around to Shut Up the Houses.

It was said around town last night that the gambling houses had received notifica tion that they must shut down. The date for the closing was indefinite, but it was understood that at the most there was to be only two or three days' grace.

#### NO NEW POST OFFICE HERE. Committee Unable to Ascertain the Cost of Acquiring a Site.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. - Representative Mercer, chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings, said to-day that there seemed to be no prospect that New York will receive an appropriation for a new Post Office building at this session. The difficulty, Mr. Mercer explained, was that the committee was unable to obtain satisfactory information i regard to the cost of acquiring a suitable site. The committee does not feel justi-fied in undertaking the project and the matter will go over until next session

#### GIRL HELD UP A BURGLAR.

He Had Robbed Her House-She Chased Him

With a Pistol and Made Him Disgorge. TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 21 .- The police were asked to-day to look for a daylight burglar who was held up at the point of a pistol by thirteen-year-old Jennie Griffith, who lives near this city, in Hamilton township. The thief entered the house and got \$12.85 from a strongbox in the dining room. Only Jennie was at home at the time, and she was in the When she came into the house the thief ran. He had found a revolver in a drawer and put it on the table. Jennie picked it up and gave chase. She halted him at a fence which he was about to climb and told him to unload. The thief pulled out a dollar bill and tried to make her think that was all he had taken, but she saw two \$5 bills in his pocket, made him give them up, and turn his pockets inside out. Then she told him to go, and he went.

#### A CHILL FOR THE SUPERSTITIOUS. Shadow on the White House That Comes and Goes in Strange Fashion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 -The superstitious persons who three years ago, at about the time the President's mother died, discovered a shadow every morning when the sun shone on the porch of the White House representing the bent form of an old woman, have made another discovery in the same place. Each fair day, at about 11 o'clock in the morning, a shadow has appeared for the last week on one of the massive Greek pillars at the east side of the front portico, representing clearly a forearm, hand and stubby forefinger The finger, slightly bent, is held up distinctly in the attitude of protest or warning. The curious shadow has been frequently pointed out to visitors at the Executive Mansion during the last week.

### BOSS COP TAKES GAMBLER HOME. Capt. Thomas Plays Good Samaritan -A Queer

Little Mishap. Antonio Kirby, 44 years old, who lives and is employed in a gambling house at 117 West hirty-fourth street, was knocked down by a cab as he was crossing Broadway at Thirty-seventh street last night. Capt. Thomas of the Tenderloin police station assisted him to the sidewalk, then called a cab, and drove with him to the gambling

Policemen Murey and Donovan reported the accident to the West Thirtieth street station house, saying that Kirby lives at 114 West Thirty-fourth street. That building Meantime Both Sides Agree to the Sending of is used exclusively for business purposes At the other address a negro who is stationed at the door told a reporter that Kirby lived in the house and worked there. He said Kirby was badly hurt.

### PROST PROOF LOCOMOTIVES.

Glant Machines Which the New York Central Is Having Built. Superintendent of Motive Power A. M Waitt of the New York Central says that there will soon be in service on that read locomotives that can withstand the hitherto disabling effects of cold weather. "These new locomotives will be great steamers and great runners," says Mr Waitt, "and I can assure you that when we put them on the road the engines now used on the Empire State express will lock like babies. Cold weather will not have any effect on these

### their time regardless of temperature." TURNED THE HOSE ON PRISONERS. City Firemen Called in to Subdue Them When

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They Mutinied. SEATTLE, Dec. 21. Fifty prisoners in the King county jail mutinled this afternoon over the quality of food furnished them. failer was unable to subdue them, and the city police and fire departments were called in. The firemen turned the hose upon the will prisoners. The fall was flooded and prisoners thoroughly drenched. Two hours of this kind of treatment subdued them.

### DEAN VAN AMRINGE BURNED OUT. A Blaze in College Hall -Students Cheered the

Loss of Examination Papers. There was a fire in College Hall, the old Macy Villa, at Columbia 1 ...iversity, yesterday, and the rooms of Dean J. H. Van Am ringe on the south side of the building were gutted. Prompt action by F. A. Goetze, Superintendent of Buildings, and firemen prevented more serious damage. The cause of the fire is unknown. The students watched the excitement and cheered when a book-case with examination papers was thrown out of the window.

### PITISTON, Pa., Dec. 21 .- The big cave-in of the abandoned workings of the Senaca mine in the central part of the city, which began vesterday, continued all of last night began yesterday, continued an or has high and to-day. Fifteen buildings have so far been twisted out of shape, and big fissures from two to four feet wide are visible all over the three acres affected. This morning a bell dropped, leaving a hole thirty feet in diameter and forty feet deep on one of the

main thoroughfares. Told Where Blackmall Goes in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 21 .- Gus Chapin was the star vitness this afternoon before the Grand Jury and if his testimony is followed up five city officials may soon be brought to task. Direct charges of blackmailing by city officials were made by the witness. When asked who profited through the operations of gamblers and confidence men Chapin gave the

### names of five of the best known men in the Mr. Whitney's Adirondack Land.

ALBANY, Dec. 21 .- The 40'000 acres of land bid in at the recent State tax sale on behalf of William C. Whitney was land purchased by Mr. Whitney in 1895. It comprises township 23 in Hamilton county and about 5,000 acres in Franklin county. There was a cloud to the title and Mr. Whitney did not pay the taxes in order that the land could be sold by the State when he could bid it in.

Commands Public Confidence, The Pennsylvania Railroad, because it offers un-surpassed service between New York and the Middle West, --Ada,

## MRS. BECKWITH DIVORCED.

DAUGHTER OF ROBERT T. LINCOLN SET FREE FROM HER HUSBAND.

### Made Known in Court Where Mrs. Lincoln Was to Testify -Announced That She Was Quarantined in New York With Her

Divorced Daughter and Her Grandchild. MT. PLEASANT, In., Dec. 21.-Jessie T. Beckwith, daughter of Robert T. Lincoln of Chicago, is no longer the wife of Warren Beckwith, the baseball player of this city. according to a statement made to-day before the Probate Court here in the hearing of the case of James C. Whitford against Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln. The courtship, elopement and marriage of Miss Jessie Lincoln with Beckwith furnished society with plenty of gossip in 1897. Beckwith at that time was playing right half back on the Iowa Wesleyan football team and it was while hiss Jessie was visiting here at the home of her grandfather, Senator Harian, that she became ac-

quainted with him. Mr. Lincoln tried to break up the courtship without success. Later efforts were made in vain to place Beckwith in a responsible place with the Pullman company in Chicago, of which Mr. Lincoln is Fresident. Then came a quarrel and separation, and the young wife returned to her father's. Beck-with later enlisted as a private with Company F. Fifuch lows Volunteers, and was sent to Jacksonville, Fla. While in comp he re-ceived news of the birth of a daughter and aithough he obtained a furlough no recon-ciliation with the wife followed. He was hon-company discharged when the regiments

attonigh he obtained a luriough he reconciliation with the wife followed. He was honorably discharged when the regiment returned to Des Moines.

Me ntime Mrs. Beckwith had applied for a divorce, which was granted. There is no record of the case in the courts here. Beckwith, who lives at Creston and is employed as a brakeman on the Burlington railroad, says a divorce was granted on the grounds of desertion and non-support. The facts became known here when the case of Whitford against Lincoln was called in the Probate Court. It was announced that Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln, who was wanted as a witness, was in New York caring for her daughter and granddaughter, the latter having scarlet fever and the family being quarantined. Whitford, who is a nephew of the late Senator Harlan, sues to secure \$27,000 from the estate for services of twenty years. Mrs. Lincoln, daughter of the Senator, resists the claim.

# years. Mrs. Lincoln, daughter of the resists the claim. Chicago. Dec. 21.—Efforts were made to learn the facts of the Lincoln-Beckwith divorce case from Robert T. Lincoln, but repeated calls falled to secure any response. In society circles surprise was manifested over the announcement of the divorce. Even the associates of Mr. Lincoln were surprised of the news. ALASKAN BOUNDARY QUESTION.

"Morning Post" Says Its Definite Settlemen

Should Not Be Delayed. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 22. - The Morning Post editorially urges that a definite settlement of the Alaskan bound ry question be not delayed. It says that, provided the British right of way to the country of which Dawson City is the capital is strictly preserved for all time, Great Britain will not be disposed to insist upon a too rigorous interpretation of the letter of her rights, especially as the development of the metalliferous areas of the far north is largely due to Americans.

It adds: "Until such time as the matter may be formally discussed we hope that President McKinley will continue his laudable efforts to educate the American public in the elements of international law, and that the same spirit of same imperialism which informs his message may inspire the utterances of his subordinates."

# CASTELLANE CASE ADJOURNED.

When the motion of Anton Dittmar to make permanent his temporary injunction against payment of income from the estate of Jay Gould to the Countess de Castellane came up before Justice Blanchard yesterday in the Surreme Court, Samuel Untermyer, in behalf of Dittmar, asked an adjournment of two weeks. He said that he required time two weeks. He said that he required time to prepare affidavits. Col. E. C. James and Charles A. Gardiner, representing the Gould trustees, didn't oppose the adjournment, but said that arrangements should be made so that they could send part of the income of the countess. It was agreed that \$20,500 be sent to carry her over Christmas, the sum being figured on the basis of an allowance of \$25,000 a year, which had previously net with the approval of counsel pending the motion. The case went over for two weeks.

### ACTOR EDWIN ARDEN FAINTED. Collapsed in the Mirror Scene of "L'Aiglon" at

the knickerbocker. During the second act of "L'Aiglon" at he Knickerbocker last night Edwin Arden ainted and the curtain had to be rung down. It was just before the mirror scene and Mr. Arden had said, "this scene must not occur again." Then he dropped to the floor and again." Then he dropped to the floor and Maude Adams ordered the curtain dropped. The stage manager came before the lights and asked for a physician. One answered the call and soon revised Mr. Arden. In the meantime a substitute had omckly dressed and he finished the second act with Miss Adams. Mr. Arden resumed his part after that and went through the play. He was greeted by a round of hearty applause on his reappearance.

#### THE HON. TIM'S CHRISTMAS DINNER. Fifty Kegs of Beer and 5.000 Mince Pies for Dry Bollar's Constituents.

The Hon. Timothy D. Sullivan will on Christmas Day, as is his custom, give a dinner to his constituents, and arrangements for to his constituents, and arrangements for the one this year are on an elaborate scale. The following articles for the spread have already been ordered. Six thousand pounds of turkey, 5,000 minor lies and 50 kegs of beer. Invitations have been sent around to all the lodging house, where most of the good and leyal solowers of Tim live. Assemblyman Timothy P. Sullivan will have charge of the affair and direct the handshaking, as his cousin, Timothy D., is in Hot Springs, Ark.

#### MANCHESTER'S DOGS IN A PIGHT. Boston Bull Terriers Quarrel and Prince Injures Dick Badly.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—The Duke of Man-chester's two prize Boston bull terriers, that cost his grace \$2,000 in New York, in some way became involved in a fight to-day and before they could be separated Prince had badly mangled Dick. A physician who was summoned treated the dog's hurts and said they were serious and might prove fatal. The re-sult will be distressing news for the Duke, who has not yet returned with the Duchess from New York.

### BALTIMORE BANK CLOSED.

Comptroller of the Currency Names a Received for the American National. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 -The Comptroller of

the Currency to-night appointed J. Frank Aldrich temporary receiver of the American National Bank of Baltimore, Md. This bank has suffered a large shrinkage in deposits and has sustained some heavy losses, which have involved its capital and surplus and reduced greatly its capital and surplus and reduced greatly its cash resources.

The loss to depositors will probably be small. At a meeting of the Clearing House of Baltimore this afternoon it was decided that in view of the condition of the bank no further credit would be extended to it, and the Comptroller, being satisfied of a condition of inselection, appointed a receiver.

The display of dressed meats and poultry at Koelsch Bree, market, 840 Lenox av., is perfection.—Ade.

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